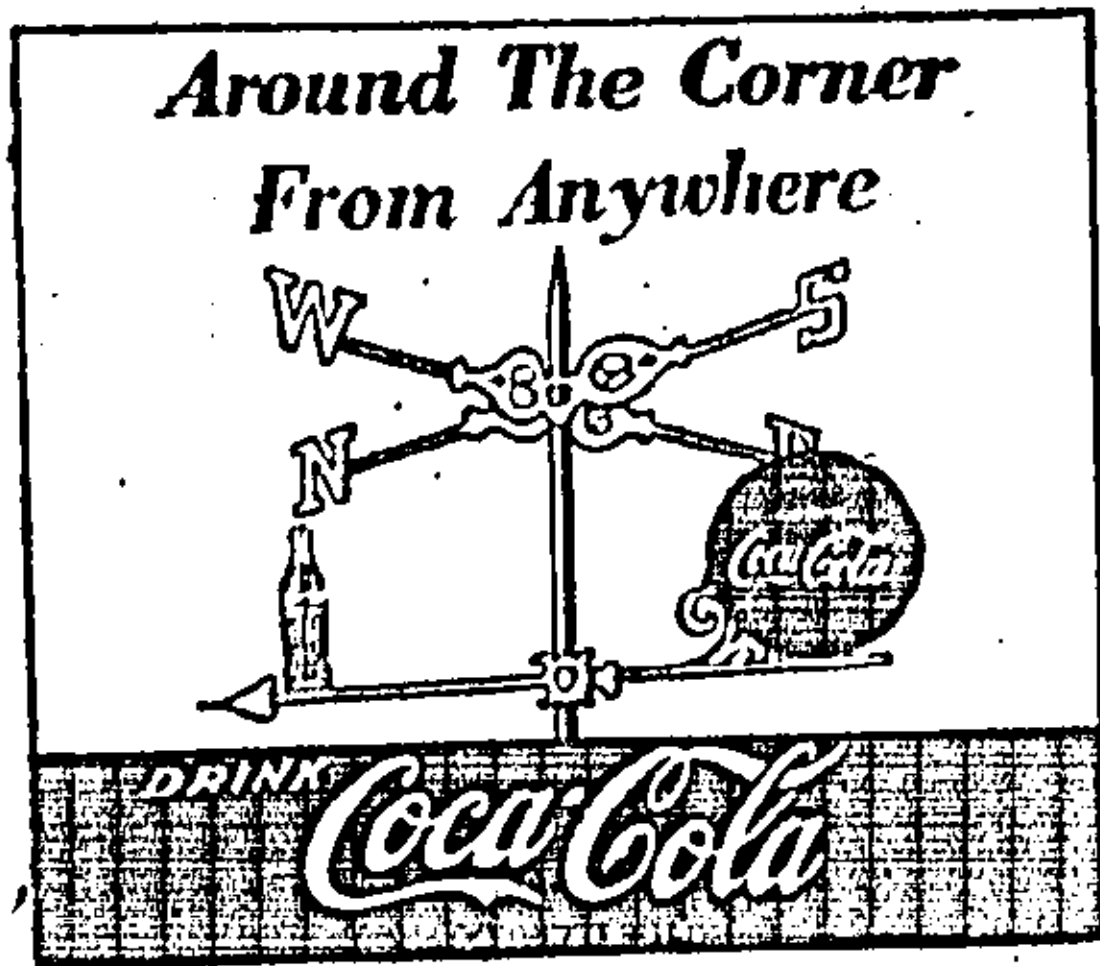


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TRUMAN CALLS FOR PROMPT AND STIFF RISES IN INCOME TAXES

To Meet Korea War Costs

Washington, July 25. President Truman asked Congress today for a prompt \$5,000,000,000 increase in taxes, to be collected partly from individuals and partly from business.

In a letter to Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Mr. Truman proposed that a tax bill already passed by the House be used as a peg for immediate action. That bill is now before the Senate Finance Committee.

Mr. Truman proposed that Congress "increase tax collections substantially for the taxable year." He suggested that increases apply to 1950 corporation income and that the withholding tax on individual earnings be increased for the last three months of this year.

The President asked for the tax rise to finance in part the \$10,500,000,000 increase he has proposed in military spending. "We embark on these enlarged expenditures at a time when

Federal budget is already out of balance," he wrote.

"This makes it imperative that we increase tax revenues promptly lest a growing deficit create new inflationary forces detrimental to our defence effort."

Mr. Truman did not say how much of the new taxes would come from individuals and how much from corporations. But Treasury Department officials said that \$3,000,000,000 of the increase would fall on individuals and \$1,500,000,000 on corporations. The remaining \$500,000,000 would come from plugging loopholes and other sources.—Reuter.

THE EFFECT

President Truman's proposals would raise the tax of a single man earning \$2,000 a year from \$232 to \$280 annually. The highest wartime rate was \$345.

A married person with no dependents earning \$5,000 per year would pay \$760 annually compared to \$631 at present and \$975 at the wartime peak.

A married person with two dependents earning \$10,000 a year would be taxed \$1,592 compared to \$1,361 at present and \$2,242 at the peak.

In upper income brackets the tax hikes would be very steep. For example, a single man earning \$100,000 a year would pay \$66,790 in income taxes. A single man with an income of a million dollars annually would pay \$384,274 compared to the present \$270,000.—United Press.

N.Z. Abolishing Upper House

Wellington, July 25. The New Zealand House of Representatives tonight defeated by 44 votes to 34 the attempt by the Opposition leader, Mr. Peter Fraser, to delay a Bill to abolish the Upper House—the Legislative Council.

Mr. Fraser wanted the Bill shelved until the Government had introduced a provision for some alternative.

The Nationalist (Conservative) Party Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney Holland, moving the Bill's second reading, promised that a Select Committee would continue to search for a suitable alternative but said that the Government was determined to abolish the present Legislative Council, which is considered useless.

The Bill will probably be given a second reading tomorrow.—Reuter.

Rest After Action



Tired U.S. Army ground troops in South Korea rest after seeing action. These men are lucky to have a good place to get a little rest. Conditions in most battle areas are very primitive.—(London Express Service).

Grows Teeth In Test Tubes

London, July 25. A Cambridge dental surgeon has been growing teeth for the past 10 years, by planting seeds in test tubes.

Mrs. Shirley Hughes demonstrated her methods to the British Dental Association conference at Birmingham. She denies that her teeth will grow from seeds in human gums—not yet anyway.—United Press.

Giant Expansion In Engineering Planned In Britain

London, July 25. Britain expects to spend \$2,200,000,000 on capital investment in her industries on new buildings, plants, ships, oil refineries, power stations and new machinery for the engineering industry. The Government's Economic Information Unit disclosed this today in a summary of progress made so far and plans for the future.

Dollar saving was a recurring theme of the report. A sum of £450,000,000, or 20 percent of the total, was being devoted to the manufacturing industry, including iron and steel, engineering, and other sectors.

Only about a quarter of the country's total investment was in housing and the social services, compared with more than a third before the war.

Five large dollar saving oil refineries started during the last two years, have made considerable progress, the report said, and work on two more is to start later this year.

In 1947, 2,500,000 tons of oil were refined in Britain, the estimate for 1953 is 20,000,000 tons.

Another new industry developed since the war was the manufacturing of clocks and watches. Before the war the watch-making industry was almost non-existent.

Among other dollar-saving industries, of which large-scale expansion was planned, the report said, were iron and steel and tin-plate manufacture.

motor body shell manufacture; the manufacture of office machinery, particularly typewriters and accounting machines, etc.—Reuter.

Strong gales and high seas forced the British freighter Perthshire (10,500 tons), to abandon her attempt to reach the sick man, the only doctor with a small Australian Antarctic expedition.

Reporting "foul weather" and a "critical fuel situation," the Perthshire's captain radioed that he had been forced to abandon the mission.

The head of the Antarctic Division of the Department of External Affairs said that he would try to divert another ship. The last report on the condition of Dr. Udovikov, who was ready to operate on himself if aid did not arrive in time, said yesterday that his condition was "unchanged."

If the Perthshire's doctors had operated upon Dr. Udovikov, the bill would have been in the region of £10,000 (Australian), for the running costs of the Perthshire are in the region of £1,000 (Australian) a day, and she would have been off her course from 10 to 12 days.—Reuter.

KOREAN REDS KEEP UP HEAVY PRESSURE

Eight Divisions Massed On American Fronts

DRAMATIC OPERATIONS

Tokyo, July 26. Eight tank-led North Korean Communist divisions were amassed at the United States and South Korean lines on three fronts today.

The United States First Cavalry Division, threatened with encirclement, withdrew from Yongdong and established a new line three to five miles southeast. The United States 25th Infantry Division was under the heaviest pressure on the central front to the northeast of the First Cavalry.

In the southwest where the Communists thrust to the extreme tip of the peninsula, the United States and British navies opened an aerial offensive in a dramatic operation that possibly portended bigger developments.

On the east coast, in the only Allied advance, General Douglas MacArthur's United Nations troops threw the Communists back one mile north of Kanggu to a point two and a half miles south of the port of Yongdok.

Gen. MacArthur said that on the First Cavalry and 25th Infantry fronts the enemy had in action more

than six divisions on a line running west to east.

Another division, equipped with tanks, is operating in southwest Korea. In this area, the enemy drove to the extreme tip by capturing Hamchon, 20 miles south of the previously captured Mokpo naval base. These North Koreans also captured Kurye, 80 miles west of Pusan.

The Air Force opened all night operations in support of the troops in the battle line.

KEY OBSTACLE LOST

North Korean armour and infantry threaten from the sides the last quarter of South Korea, where resistance is based on the Pohang-Taegu-Pusan defence triangle.

The fall of Yongdong cleared a key obstacle from the path of powerful Communist forces heading southwards down the main road and railway line towards Taegu. Southern provisional capital.

At Yongdong, one of the grimest battles of the Korean war, so far, ended with a desperate rearguard action to protect the withdrawal of the main body of American forces to new positions further south, astride the road and railway line to Taegu.

American soldiers, attacked from three sides, fought tenaciously under withering North Korean fire to open an escape route. The First Cavalry Division succeeded in containing two North Korean groups which, in a pincer movement, tried to block the road southwards and trap the G.I.s' main force.

BAPTISM OF FIRE

It was almost a baptism of fire for the First Cavalry Division which went into the front line only four days ago to relieve the exhausted 24th Division. It was their first major engagement.

G.I.s began retreating from Yongdong when tanks suddenly appeared in the town, and hordes of Communist infantry overwhelmed the American frontline in a familiar pattern.

Reports from the battle area said that wave after wave of North Korean infantry in hundreds rolled forward, undrained by American gun pumping shells into them over open sights.

General MacArthur's communiqué, issued at midnight (July 25), said that further withdrawals of United States forces on the road backward might be necessary.

Communist pressure continued unabated despite heavy ground losses and smashing United Nations air attacks on lines of communications.

SPECTACULAR DUEL

An American reconnaissance pilot last night reported that a spectacular artillery duel was being fought five miles north of Yongdong between a regiment of the First Cavalry Division and North Koreans.

Intense machine-gun fire was also turning the battlefield into a cauldron.—(Contd. on Page 5 Col. 5)

U.S. Stepping Up Armed Forces

Washington, July 25. A bill which would lift the ceiling on the expansion of United States armed forces and extend for one year the terms of all the nearly 300,000 men in the armed services whose enlistments are due to expire in the next 12 months, was sent to the White House today for the President's signature.

The bill has been passed by both Houses of Congress.—Reuter.

French Seek More U.S. Troops In Europe

Paris, July 25. France will press for more American troops to be stationed in Europe at the London meeting of the North Atlantic Council Deputies. It was learned in usually well-informed quarters here today.

Authoritative quarters here hold the view that peace could only be preserved if Western Europe is in a position successfully to defend its frontiers against any Russian invasion, France, it was pointed out, could not provide more than half of the 45 or 50 divisions estimated to be necessary to win the "battle against invasion."

Neither Britain nor the Benelux countries were considered to be in a position to complete the gap.

It was, therefore, felt that in present circumstances Europe would only be effectively protected if a greater number of American divisions took their place beside the French, British, Dutch and Belgian divisions that can be made available.—Reuter.

Different Story In Month's Time

Washington, July 25. More than 5,000 warplanes are to be added to the air strength of the United States, the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, announced today.

He said that the expansion would be made under the \$10,486,970,000 military fund that President Truman has asked from Congress.

Mr. Johnson made the announcement after conferring with President Truman and the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Francis Matthews.

Asked about the Korea situation, Mr. Johnson said, "Our boys have done a marvellous job over there. We will have a different story a month from now."—Reuter.

Baltic Demarche To Soviet

Moscow, July 25. The Swedish Ambassador, M. Rudolf Sohlman, and the Danish Charge d'Affaires, M. Hans Muller, yesterday evening made a joint demarche to the Soviet Government on the latter's claims to a 12-mile territorial limit in the Baltic Sea.

The envoys were received by M. Valerian Zorin, one of the Soviet Deputy Foreign Ministers.

An official Danish announcement in Copenhagen on the joint protest said that the Soviet Government's attention was drawn to the recent detention of fishing vessels in the Baltic.

"Denmark has never recognized any right of any of these States with Baltic coastlines to claim a sea territory of 12 miles," the announcement added.

These detentions were stated to enforce the Soviet claim to a 12-mile limit.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Government And The Public

THOSE who spare a little thought for public affairs in Hongkong, with particular reference to social welfare requirements, and the dearth of civic amenities, will warmly endorse the views expressed by a leading resident in our correspondence column urging a closer liaison between government and community. As we said on Saturday, Sir Hilton Poynton's solitary constructive suggestion during his interview with the Reform Club deputation seeking his backing for the memorandum offering remedies of social, cultural and economic deficiencies abounding, was a recommendation to reform enthusiasts to get into touch with Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council. Interchange of ideas never does harm; more often than not it produces highly beneficial results; put them at their minimum value, consultations achieve a better understanding of other viewpoints even when they remain in conflict. Sound reasoning, too, supports the assumption that much of value can be extracted from apparently idealistic Castles In The Air projects when they are sympathetically studied by hard-headed practical men of experience in local affairs. Quite obviously, too, any scheme sufficiently solid in principle to win the support of the Unofficials would compel government to give it serious consideration. In the Reform Club's programme was to be found much deserving study, notably on the social welfare side, and the possibility of adaptation or outright approval might easily arise from further exploration, with new minds contributing their quota. Much more important, however, than the special effort made by the Reform Club to show the government the way, is the insistence of "Tory Democrats" on permanent liaison machinery, ensuring that the public is

kept accurately informed of what is going on and the reasons guiding policy. Tying the issue up with the promise of constitutional reform, some day, a gesture moving towards closing the gaps between Government, the Unofficials and the public which technically they are supposed to represent would be a welcome preliminary to the day when an Unofficial majority in Council has been constituted. Making no attempt to decry the public spirit actuating Unofficials, who have, indeed, done magnificent work, it remains a fact that many critics regard "title" to representation on the Council to be associated with a "closed shop." It is perfectly true that time and again subjects interesting to the community, and perhaps puzzling, are not debated because all explanations have been given to Unofficials for their private information, and those perhaps more directly concerned are kept in ignorance. There is no doubt at all that this secretive attitude, which we do not believe is wilful in the proper sense, can be mischievous, and certainly creative of accumulating frustration in the minds of individuals who start off valiantly, keen to play their part in improving social conditions in the Colony, and are thwarted, not because of an absence of a commonsense approach or lack of experience, but because they perhaps have yet to aspire to the ranks of the Chosen Few. That may be an entirely false judgment, but unfortunately it is a view widely held, a direct consequence of official methods in administration. And it is not a particularly good prelude to the cultivation of a civic-minded electorate for future reference. Liaison between the Unofficials and the Reform Club could make an excellent start to a new order.

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Spitfire Crash In Harbour

A Royal Air Force Spitfire fighter crashed into the sea in the Lyemun Pass area about 10.30 a.m. today while on a routine patrol flight.

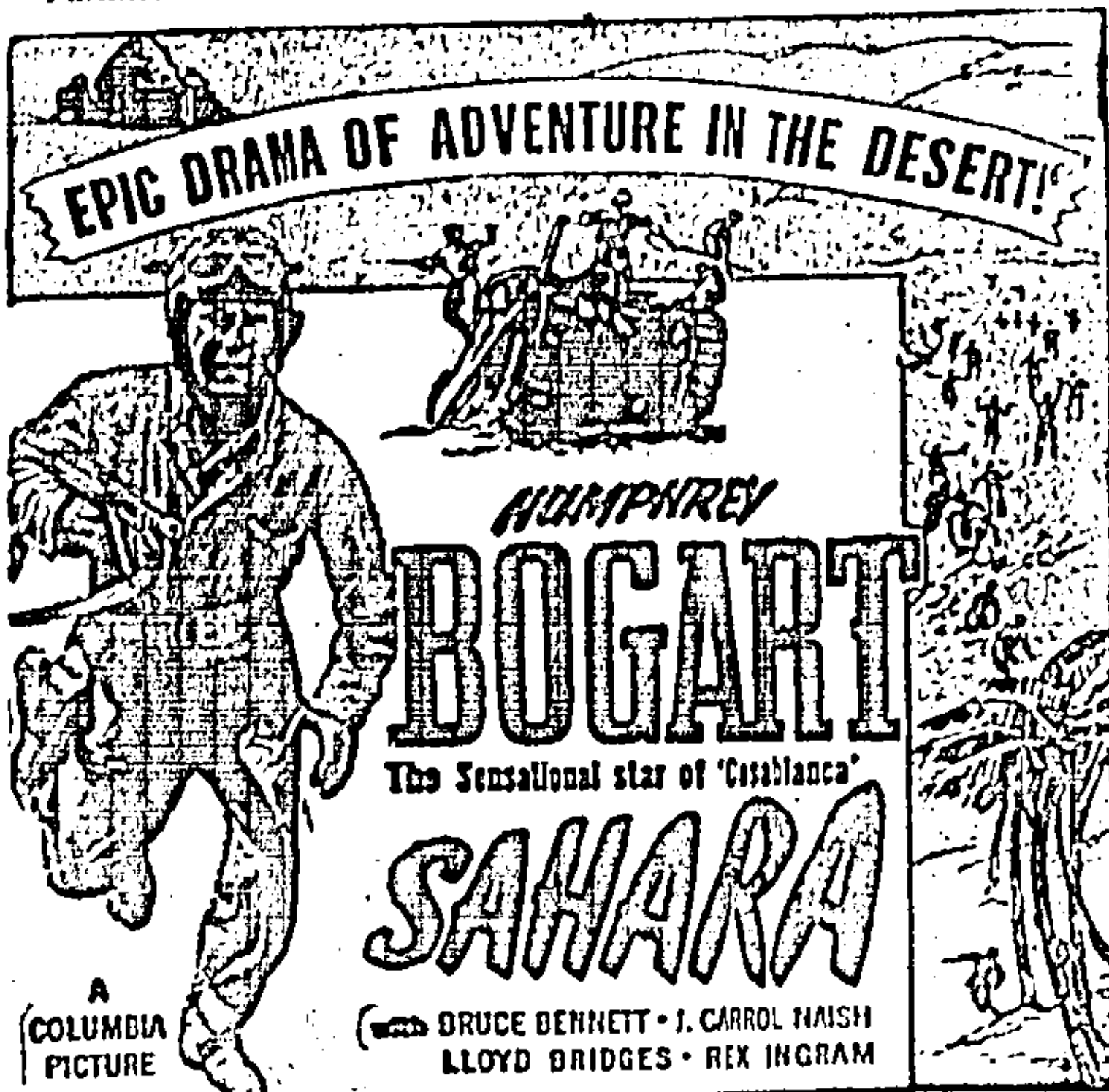
The plane has not been found despite a wide search by the RAF and the Royal Navy.

A TYPHOON

No. 1 typhoon signal was hoisted at 12.15 p.m. today.

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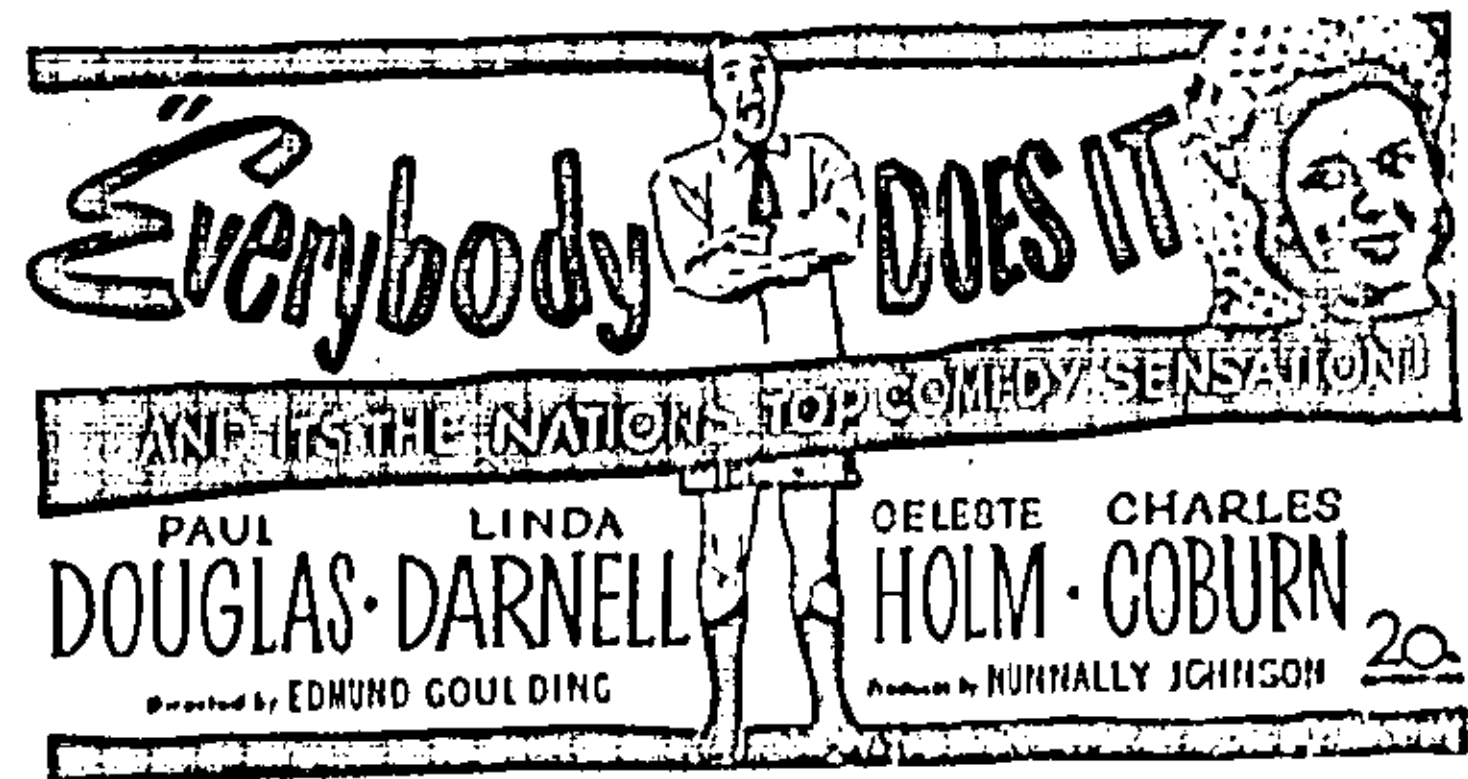


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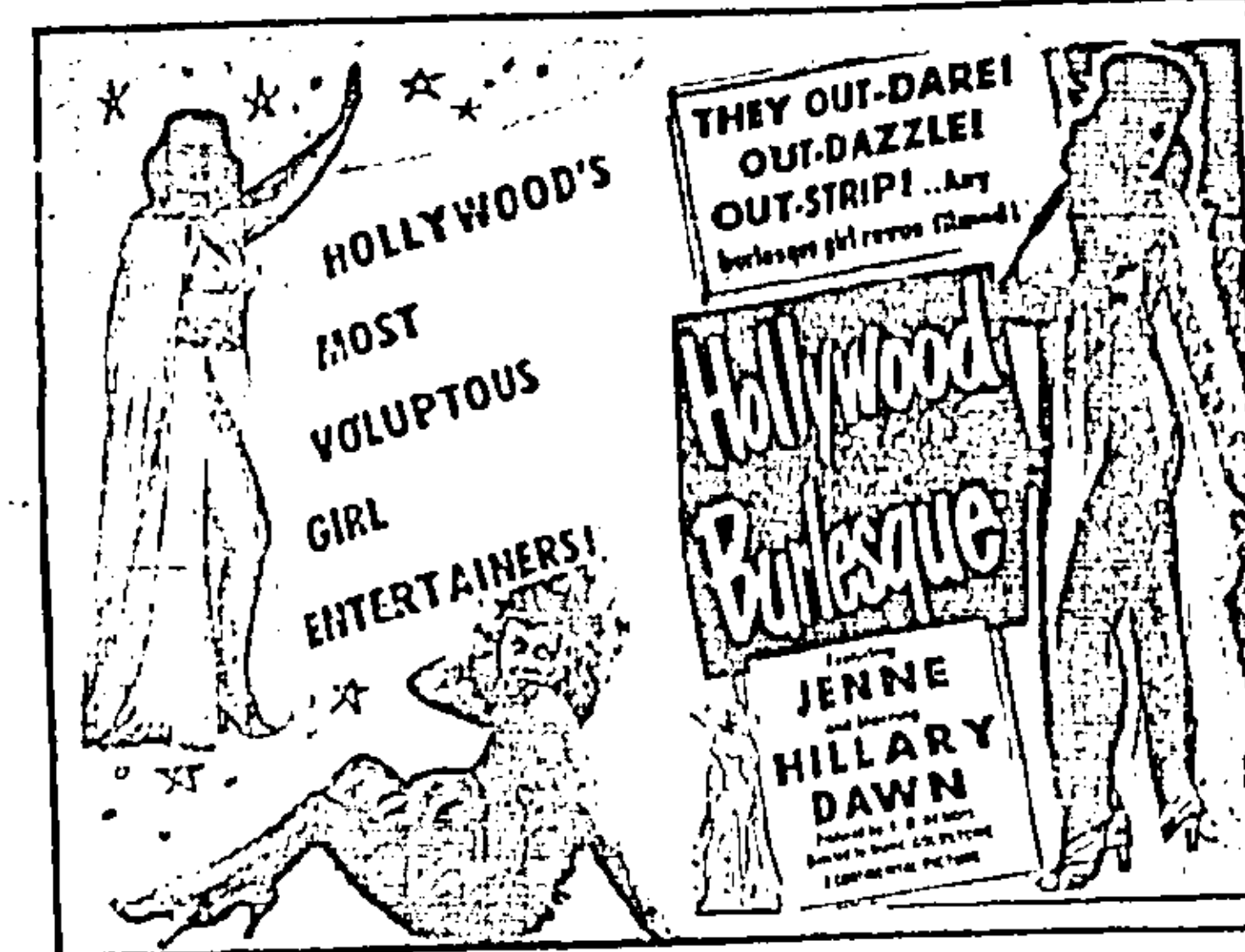
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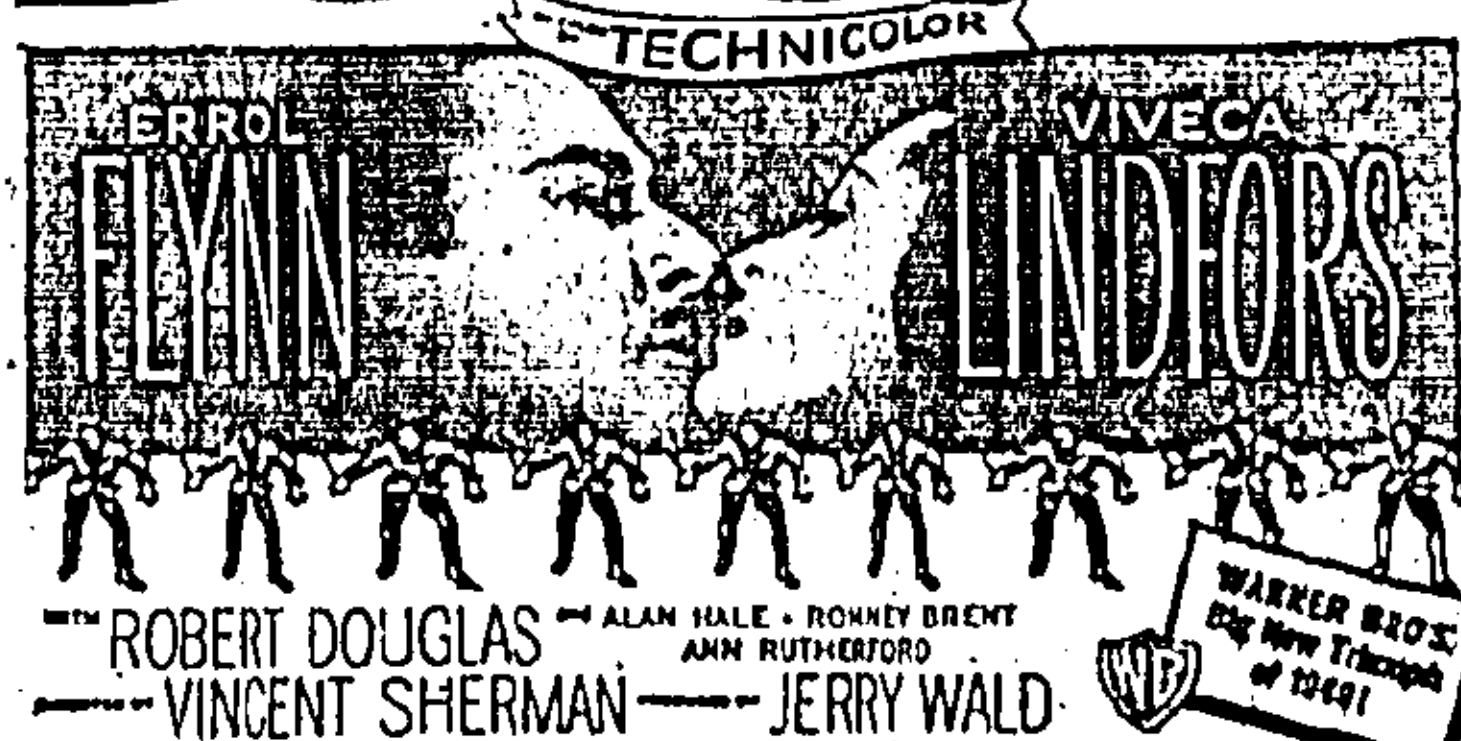


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WOMANSENSE

DESIGNED FOR COOLNESS

Sheers, top favourite fabric this summer, contribute much in creating a cool effect as well as beauty in the three frocks shown below. Note the different necklines.

By Grace Thorndcliffe

POLKA-DOT sheer is used for this hot weather favourite with its matching bolero (picture at left). The dress is almost sleeveless, barely covering the shoulders, and has a low at the base of the V neck. The skirt is moderately flared. The jacket is gently full and has short sleeves. This is an excellent selection for the woman's figure, as it is comfortable and figure-kind and smart without being coyly youthful.

SHEER fabrics, demure yet revealing, constitute smart summer fashion fare. This flatterer frock (centre) is of black marquisette, starched to give it body, a nice choice for summer afternoon to evening wear. The picturesque shawl collar is softly draped and makes a graceful frame for the face and neck. The white picot cuff on the slim slip and the two white picot roses jutting out to mark the collar base add a pleasant note to the overall picture.



Dress with matching bolero.



Black marquisette dress.



Delicate printed organdie.

PRETTY and cucumber-cool to wear and to look at—what more could one ask of a summer daytime frock? This one fulfils all requirements: since it is of mauve organdie printed in a delicate light green and blue design, it buttons from neck to hem, and a set-in belt ties in a bow in front. For a pretty detail, the little collar, the sleeves and the front are all piped in green organdie.

Nervousness Can Be A Cause Of Digestive Upsets

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

EVEN in the absence of disease, some of us are stronger, more energetic, and in a better general state of health than others. In many people this lack of constitutional vigour

takes the form of indigestion. Nothing is organically wrong with them, that is, they have no disease of the digestive system, but at the same time it does not function quite as it should.

Such people are highly nervous, over-irritable, and over-sensitive. Many worry too much about their symptoms and their trouble. It is, however, strange that in this more or less constant state of tension, their nerves should begin to play tricks with their organs to produce all sorts of uncomfortable symptoms.

Certain people are highly nervous, over-irritable, and over-sensitive. Many worry too much about their symptoms and their trouble. It is, however, strange that in this more or less constant state of tension, their nerves should begin to play tricks with their organs to produce all sorts of uncomfortable symptoms.

Unfortunately, sometimes it takes quite some effort to rebuild these individuals into perfectly functioning persons. What must be done is to teach them to live within their physical means. They must learn how to put up with their discomforts and get rid of their fears and worries insofar as possible. They must be taught that their digestive attacks are in no way serious and will not lead to anything like cancer.

Many of these people have alternating attacks of diarrhoea and constipation, together with some discomfort in the abdomen. Often they pass mucus with the bowel movement. Nervous excitement, cold, or the taking of some food that is difficult to digest may help to bring on the attacks. These persons are said to have mucous colitis, even

though there is no actual inflammation of the bowel. Fortunately, this disorder is no more serious than the other digestive symptoms mentioned earlier and, like them, it should cause no great concern or worry. It should be remembered that even a normal bowel may be upset by nervous disturbances or dietary factors.

In cases of nervous indigestion, the treatment is to eliminate excessive strain, worry, and fear, and to employ a bland diet, that is one which contains no highly seasoned foods or those containing too much bulk or roughage.

Sedatives Often Useful
Certain sedatives or quieting preparations such as phenobarbital, are often useful. Atropine also is helpful in some cases.

Some persons with so-called indigestion develop their symptoms because of overeating. They get along all right as long as they eat small meals, but when excessive food is put into the stomach and bowels, symptoms of indigestion occur. Of course, the indigestion may also occur because of eating too fast or of eating when excited or upset.

In all cases of indigestion there is need for careful study to determine the cause before successful treatment may be employed.

AUTUMN RUSTLE

STYLE NOTES according to a New York report are:

• Versatile little extras. These include detachable overskirts, peplums, weskirts or sleeveless jackets, scarfs, even shaped gloves.

• The twenties influence when femininity and flattery is executed. Jet beading and fringe trimming, fitted torso effects, lowest flounces and uneven hemlines are considered important.

• Unusual sleeve treatments such as the drop shoulder-line, lantern or batwing sleeves.

• Asymmetric manipulation of fabric for side-buttoned effects, graduated peplums, surplus necklines, one-sided collars.

Banana Loaf
Stir ½ c. butter or a substitute until soft. Blend in 1 c. sugar and 1 well beaten egg. Add 2 medium-sized mashed bananas. Stir together 1½ c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. baking powder. Stir into the first mixture. Spoon into 20 oiled loaf pan and bake 1 hr. at 325-350 F. Serve cold.

Trick of the Chef
To make carrot curls, scrape young carrots, slice paper thin lengthwise, chill in ice water.

What They Are Wearing For Evening

AT resorts American women wear mid-calf and full length evening dresses for cocktail dancing, dinner and later evening, with new sheers sharing the spotlight with tulle, brocade and satin. Newest looking sheers are embossed organdies in black and white, pastel organdies and iridescent silk organdies. Sheers are favoured by matrons and the younger set alike. A favourite ankle length sheer style is bare topped and worn with a matching stole.

There is much waistline interest in the shorter sheers, accented by light midriffs, waists or satin sashes, flowers at the waist. A gray haired matron looked well in a simple apple green organdie redingote, mid-calf length with a tailored satin belt and unpressed pleats at the waist, worn over a slim green tulle sheath.

Colours for evening are white, number one, with black accents often black velvet tash or belt; light blue; pinks in vivid tones such as cerise and green. Black sheers in chiffon, organdie or museline and black lace are worn for evening. Many women wear black tulle mid-calf length bare top dresses with little cover-up jackets.

Short Skirts

In shorter evening dresses, skirts are full and gathered rather than circular. Newest looking necklines for after five are halters, draped over the bosom. These are in tulle and in sheers.

Short length lace dresses are seen on young and older women. Matrons choose pastel or black all lace dresses, while younger women choose a contrast such as black lace over white organdie with a green velvet sash.

Bouffant or full circular cut skirts are the most popular silhouette for full length evening gowns. In net or lace matrons favour high necked, sheer, sleeves tops. The younger set wears baretop strapless formal. Slimmer circular skirts are seen in brocade, tulle and satin. Several styles seen are done in satin with handkerchief-like over skirts which form a peplum in front and dip in back.

Hand-Painted Cottons

Eye-catching novelty fabrics, including handpainted cottons and silk crepes, are seen in evening separates worn by a minority. Here the necklines are either halter or horseshoe styles. Skirts are full and gathered either mid-calf or full length.

Evening accessories include little in handbags in brocade or beaded pearl or rhinestone pendant earrings, rhinestone chokers and bracelets.

Very bare, thin strapped evening sandals are worn. Black satin sandals are the favourites worn with both light and dark redresses.

Evening hose are light in tone and devoid of reinforcements.

PERM FOR EYE LASHES

Can you believe this? Faith Domergue's (Hollywood film actress) eye lashes are so long that she has to have a permanent wave put in them when she works before the camera. Otherwise, they veil her eyes too much from the lights.

Many Hollywood stars have to use phony lashes. Faith says her real ones are a quarter of an inch longer than Marie Wilson's.

Incidentally, Faith's picture, "A White Rose for Julie," now has a new title—"Where Danger Lives."

A GARDEN 'PICTURE'



Picture hat in pink straw. It is topped with pink silk roses, and sprays of maidenhair fern.—London Express Service



To keep lines from forming around your eyes, apply an eye cream just before you go to bed each night.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EYES do not differ very putting panes on your soul window much in size as some of down. It may happen that as may fancy. It is largely the spec will improve appearance; shape of the face that makes that has happened.

The short-sighted woman who drops her handbag, clutching the nearest support as she stumbles over a step, is not a charming picture. Nor is the far-sighted woman who holds the menu card at arm's length.

Bathe Twice

Their beauty lies in colouring and expression. No matter what the colour may be, they twice a day, first with warm water, then with cold. To prevent lines forming around the eyes, the squinting habit should be avoided, and an eye cream applied at bedtime. Anoint the finger, sending it around the eye, starting at the inner corner of the upper lid.

Keep the eyelashes lubricated. Mineral oil will serve this purpose. Take fastidious care of your eyebrows as they contribute to eye loveliness when they are beautifully arched.

Follow the natural pattern. Nature knows best no choice, no matter how compelling your sense of vanity may be, or how you rebel against are old stuff.

No Choice

Once the eye specialist says they are necessary, you have no choice, no matter how compelling your sense of vanity may be, or how you rebel against are old stuff.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Baby's Carriage Cover & Pillow Case

1¼" and stitch together 1" from edge.

Fold smaller piece lengthwise, and French seam raw edges (B and C) together.

Cut embroidery into 3 lengths, two ½-yd. pieces for the rosettes and remainder for pillow ruffle.

Gather top edge of the three pieces. Seam the end of each ½-yd. piece to make two circles. Draw up fullness in each end and raw edges together on wrong side.

Make two bows each from a ½ yd. of ribbon and tack to centre of rosettes, as at D. Tuck rosettes to position as indicated on diagram.

When baby goes out, he must be dressed up.

A washable cover with matching pillow cover can be a real addition to a carriage. They are easy to make and to launder—can be white, pink or blue as baby requires.

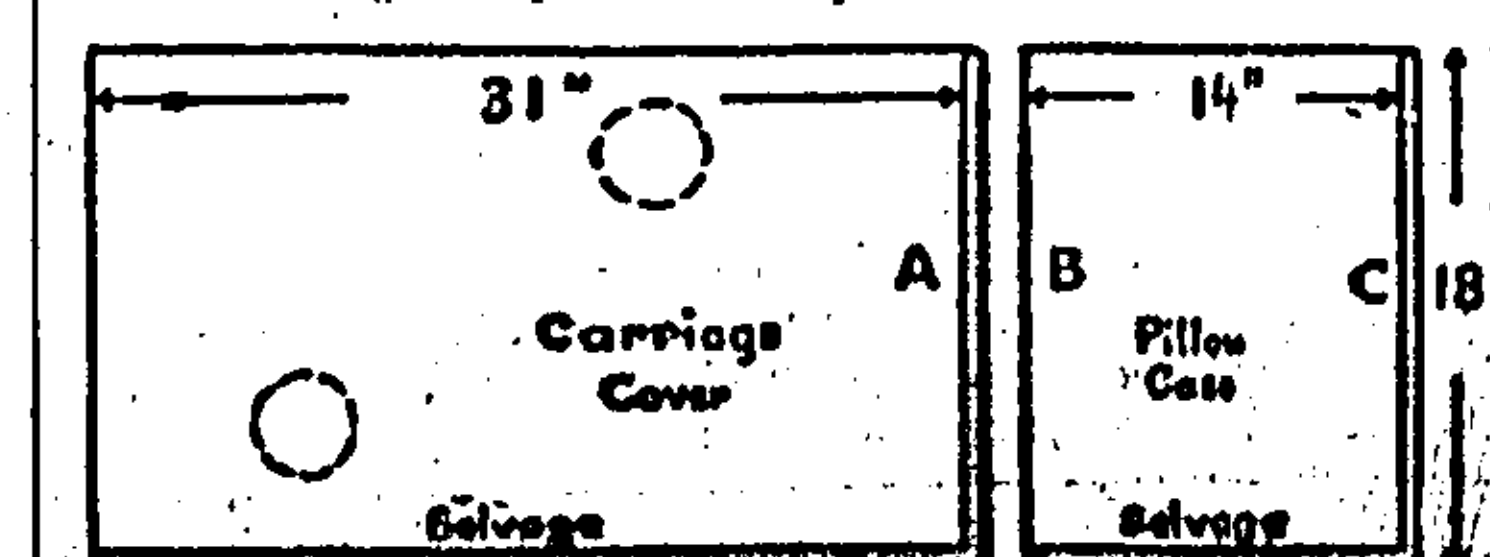
Choose 1¼ yds. lightweight pique, 2½ yds. of 2½" embroidery and 1 yd. of ¼" baby ribbon.

To make, straighten your fabric.

Cut off 14" crosswise for the pillow case. The remaining length is for the cover.

Fold larger piece lengthwise of fabric, wrong side out. Stitch across one end (A), and seam selvages together.

Turn right side out. Press. Ironing, then tacked back to Turn raw edge of open end in position.



TOMORROW: HOW TO SHORTEN YOUR SKIRTS



★ **ANOTHER** Government office will rise in Bloomsbury. The Ministry of Works is "considering buying a site" at the junction of Southampton Row and Theobalds Road for use as Government offices.

A bank stood there until it was demolished by German bombs during the war. Because there are so many new Government offices in the district, this part of Bloomsbury is already known as Little Whitehall. Holborn Chamber of Commerce have expressed anxiety about it.

But the building, still going on while business cannot get office accommodation.

Bill Beesley Limited
WILLIAM (BIG BILL) BEESLEY, the dockland book-maker, has given up street hawking. He has turned himself into a company—Bill Beesley Ltd., to carry on the business of book commission agents, with an address in Shaftesbury Avenue.

Capital of the company, according to Jordan's List, is £1,000.

Only subscriber is William Beesley, whose home address is, Pelham Road, Plamford.

Beesley is the street book-maker who gave evidence before the Royal Commission on Betting last October.

On April 1 he disappeared after being fined £30 for street

The Thatchers have continued to share the Junior Carlton premises. The Crown Lease is to run for 25 years.

Blow for ex-Ministers
EYES of defeated Socialists are on the vacancy at East Leicester, caused by the elevation of Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.C., to the Bench. This is a blow for the Socialists, as Mr. Morrison's majority was 10,397.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, former Colonial Secretary, is not like it. He is the only Cabinet Minister still without a seat or a pension. He tells me he is "existing on an occasional article or broadcast," but cannot "live on air" indefinitely.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, former Under-Secretary, would like to be back in the House. Both he and Creech Jones expect to be disappointed. Likely Socialist choice is Mr. A. L. Unged-Thompson, M.C., 46-year-old barrister, who lives in St. John's Wood. He was M.P. for Wandsworth and Barry, was defeated by 187 votes in the General Election.

Socialist chiefs are anxious to have another K.C. in Parliament.

Half-crown slots
DAYS of the penny-in-the-slot machines are passing.

Tenants moving into new flats



Miss Margaret Gibson photographed as she arrived for the opening day of the Royal Meeting at Ascot recently.

bookmaking. Two earlier times of £30 were then imposed. Three weeks later he returned and the fines were paid.

Two fashion ideas

FAY HAMMOND, young fashion writer from Los Angeles, brought to London today two new ideas from California.

1.—A black velvet saddle bag made with two small gold zips, and carried as a handbag over the arm.

2.—Golden jewellery pinned to her costume showing her initials in sign language.

A deal in clubland

THE Union Club, forced out of Carlton House Terrace by the expanding Foreign Office, have found a new home.

Next Spring, they will move into the premises of the Thatched House Club at the foot of St. James's Street. This is the result of prolonged negotiations between the two clubs.

The premises in St. James's Street are now empty. Before the Union Club move in there will be rebuilding and redecoration.

35 years

One new feature will be a completely detached portion of the club reserved for women. They will have a separate entrance, so women will be able to use the club freely instead of on special days.

Groundnuts with lunch
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London Express Service.

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MY model of the week (this page, yesterday) has produced much correspondence. I quoted Mr. Nigel Birch, Tory M.P. for West Flint:

A girl whose face is covered with paint. Has an advantage with me over one who is not.

I quoted Mr. Birch's credit line: "In the words of one of the greatest living American poets."

Now Mr. Nicholas Bentley sends me this clerihew from the Garrick Club:

A little research would have shown that Lionel Birch

Is not the author of the verse you quote.

Which I am happy to point out is something Ogden Nash once wrote.

Mr. Bentley, too, should have done a little research. The M.P. awarded the medal was Nigel, not Lionel, Birch.

Duke will be repaid
THE DUKE OF MAIRBOROUGH will receive full compensation for damage at Blenheim Palace during the charity ball held there recently.

The treasurer of the ball committee, Mr. Russell Miller, tells me they took out a comprehensive insurance policy for the evening. It covered any damage, personal accident, or legal liability.

But it will be some time before the accounts of the ball are published.

Taking from sale of tickets were approximately £5,000. But I do not expect the charity will receive much. Catering was lavish, and incidental expenses heavy.

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Too much tease for Britons

London, July 24. SHOW folk reported this week that American burlesque interests plan to flood the British Isles with strip-tease dancers and cash in on the current trend to nudity and booming box office here.

But the news, made known by the trade publication, Show World, failed to raise a single goose-pimple on the highly visible epidermis of the showgirls at the Windmill Theatre, the Latin Quarter Revue or the British version of the Folies Bergere.

The reason is that in these shows the girls start where American strip-tease dancers finish. No one has to wonder what the girls will take off next. They never have had it on.

"My," say the British customers, "hasn't she a lovely complexion—all over!" Executives of all three nude shows and producers of a number of similarly unclad road units feel that the Americans waited too long.

WE'VE GOT IT

"If they send over girls who are well-rehearsed—we've got that here," said producer Jack Tracy. "If the girls are unclad—well, may we remind the Americans that it was this country which invented burlesque?"

"American scientists have done wonders but until they develop a new kind of woman, the one that's best to look at, with the chips down, is British."

The American burlesque interests have not been exactly identified by British stage folk but they say that feelers have been made for a partly blitzed theatre which would be the London headquarters.

Outside of strip-tease, the earthy humour of America in burlesque would have to be Anglicised, the British say, and since a good deal depends on punning and wifid misunderstanding of English they do not feel the home would survive the ocean voyage.

VICE-VERSA

"Stripping is passe," asserted Tracy. "It's predicted that if pictures of our shows ever get to the States it won't be American burlesque producers who'll head this way—it will be American burlesque audiences."

—United Press.

1938 plane to try new feats

THE Percival New Gull plane which won the King's Cup air race in 1938 and 1939 was recently found dismantled in a garage near Lyons, France.

It has now been re-assembled and is to be flown to Heathrow airport, Surrey, in preparation for more record-breaking attempts.

Douglas Binnich, manager of Personal Plane Services, Blackbushe, says: "I intend to send it on the London to Capetown route and on a record-attempt flight to Australia soon."

HIDDEN IT

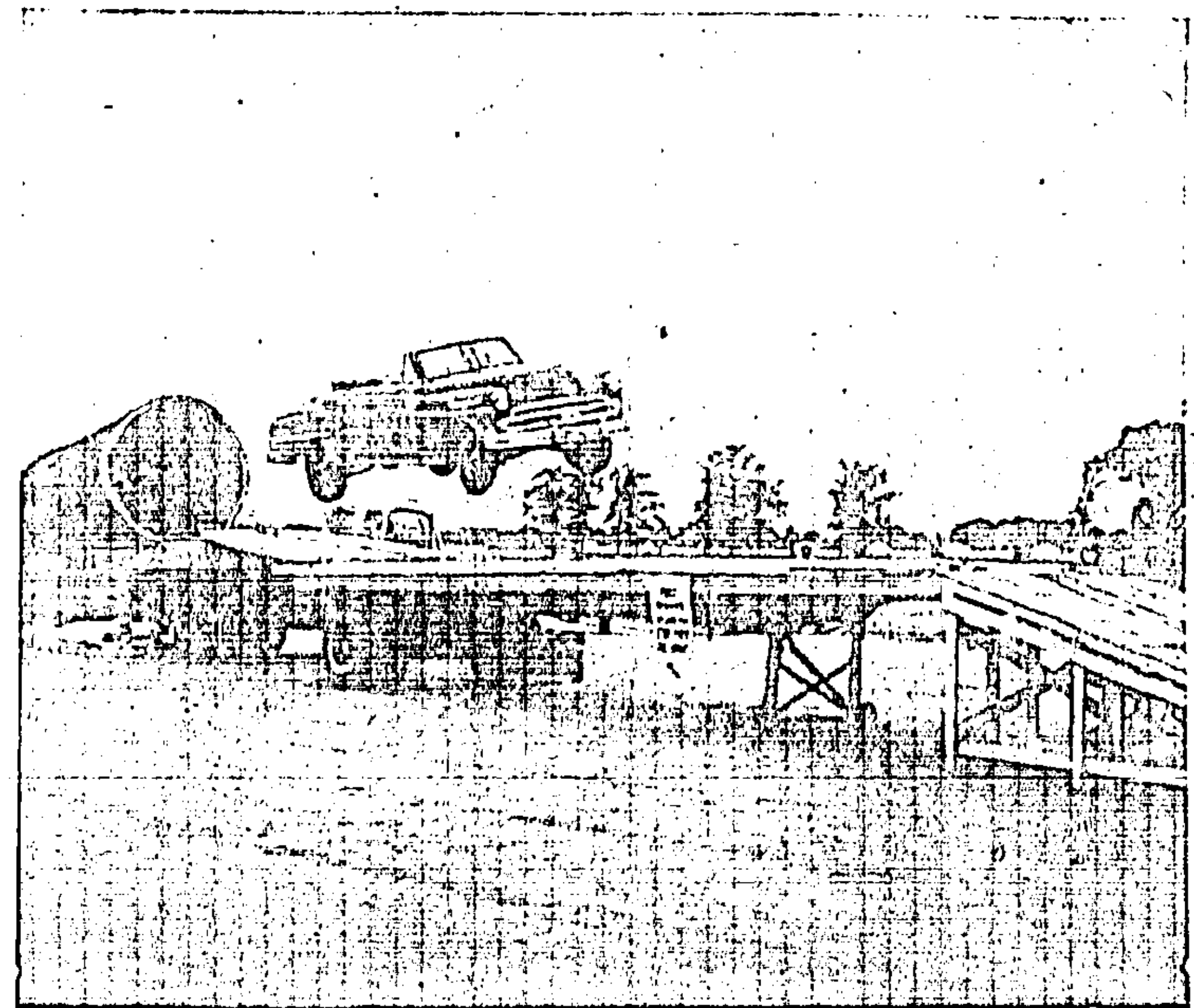
Just before the war this plane, the only one of its kind, was sold to a Frenchman. The German searched France for it because they wanted to use it as the basis for a new fighter.

It was a wooden machine, capable of about 250 m.p.h., cruising speed. But the owner, before leaving the French Air Force, had taken it to pieces and hidden them.

Smithfield market may close

A PROPOSAL to close Smithfield market and disperse its functions among several meat markets in the London area was being considered by the Government, said Mr. Webb, Minister of Food.

He announced this in a written reply to Mr. Thomas (Soc. The Wrotham). The Minister said that the Government was making a full examination of the present system of meat and other food markets in the London area with a view to effecting improvements.



This test jump, made by Irish Horan for a demonstration in Atlantic City, N.J., catapulted a regulation stock auto out of the mouth of a giant 35-foot cannon. The car soared for 65 feet and landed upright on a specially built runway.

18,342 Government officials in Britain have more power than the police. That's why the Liberal Party has a Bill afoot to

SNUB THE SNOOPER

London. IN this land where a man's home is traditionally his castle, 18,342 government officials today have complete power to enter and search private dwellings, offices and other business premises without warrants.

Their powers, which far exceed those of the police, would be sharply restricted under a bill sponsored by the Liberal Party and expected to be given parliamentary approval before the end of this year.

The Liberal bill would require officials to produce a warrant issued not more than 30 days previously, specifying the building, or part of a building they wish to enter.

According to Douglas Jay, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, 3,635 of these 18,342 officials have the right to enter and search private dwellings without warrant. The remainder are empowered to enter and search private houses not used exclusively as a dwelling, offices and other business premises without warrant.

But government spokesmen claim these powers are rarely used. "We don't have a gasp here," said one.

Since February, 2,667 officials of the Department of Inland Revenue have had the power to enter and search private dwellings.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said they inherited these powers from county and city officials when the department was made responsible for valuing all property.

No Refusal
"In practice," said the Inland Revenue official, "We give the occupiers written notice that our men will call. So far, we have not had a refusal."

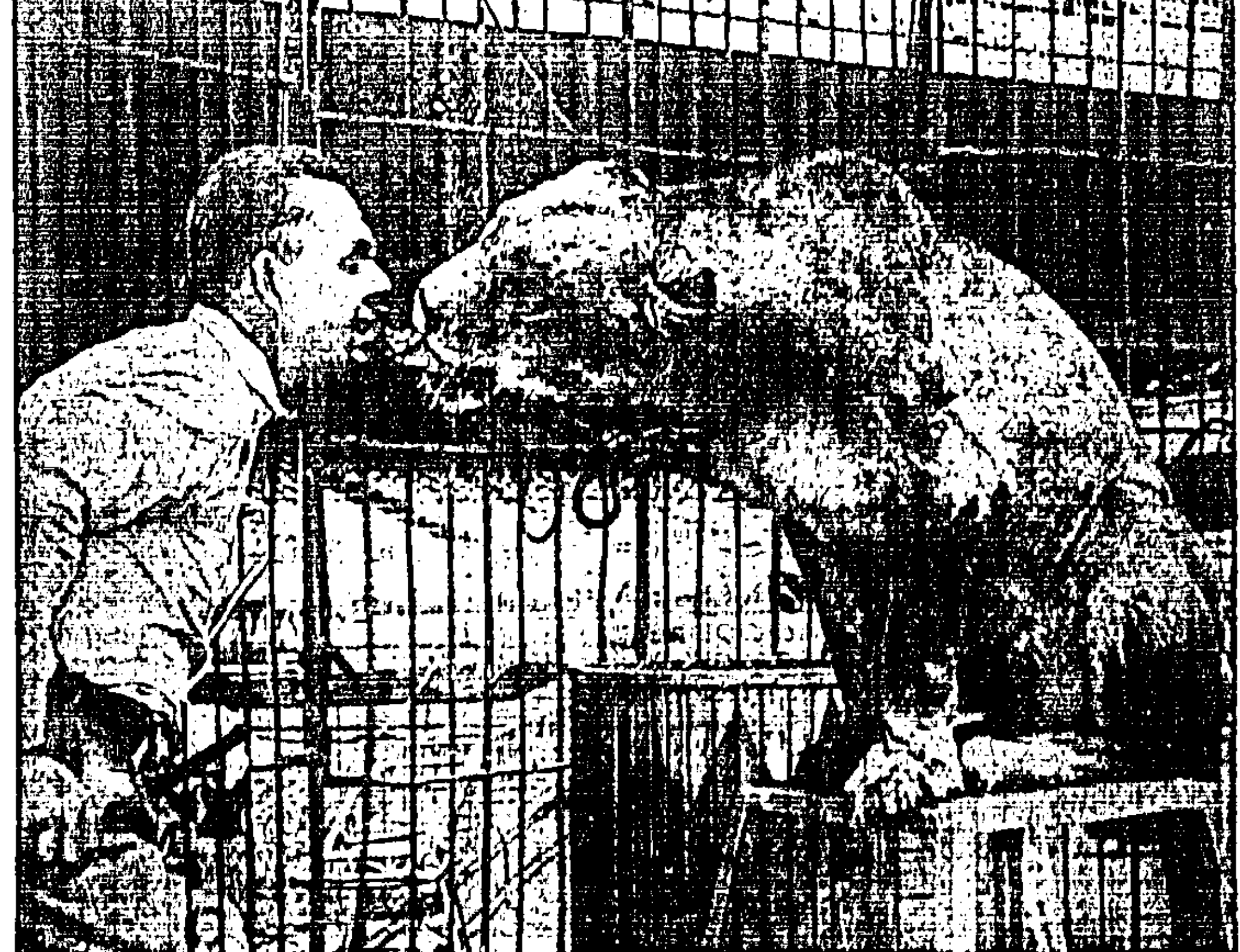
Since 1943, some 693 employees of the War Damage Commission and Central Land Board also have had the power to enter private homes, in order to inspect property damage or assess property to be purchased by the State.

"We always give notice," said a War Damage Commission official.

It received a majority on the second reading, but parliament recessed before the bill could be virtually passed. Steps to make it law lapsed as a result.

The Liberals believe their new bill will be supported by both the Conservative and Labour parties and be approved by both Lords and Commons before the end of the year.

Wellington Long



IT COULD BE FRAGILE—Terrell Jacobs, a lion tamer, is willing enough to enter a lion's den, and he proves it in New York. Here he feeds a 12-year-old lioness, Sheba, some meat held in his own mouth, but if Sheba suddenly got hungry for some live meat—farewell, Terrell.

EMPIRE CABLES

Campaign to stop locusts

NAIROBI—The eastern area of Central Africa is facing its gravest locust threat for 20 years. More than a year ago the insects began breeding in areas of Central Arabia, where control and detection are most difficult.

The plague spread to India and Pakistan, where inadequate control measures allowed extensive breeding.

It also spread westwards through Persia, Egypt, the Somaliland, and Abyssinia, as far as French Equatorial Africa, and many ultimately reached the west coast. In some areas of Africa and Arabia considerable crop damage has already occurred.

A fight has now begun to prevent a further increase in the swarms and to oppose an invasion of East and Central Africa. In the past 20 years there has been great development in agriculture in these areas. But there has been also a considerable advance in locust-fighting technique.

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The knowledge gained by Commonwealth forces in the desert and arid bush areas, such as Northern Kenya and Somaliland, during the early years of the war, has proved invaluable in the task of destroying locust breeding-places and hoppers before they reach the flying stage. The new campaign will be comparable with a large military operation.

Poison bait will be supplemented by the modern technique of air attack with insecticides. Dr. Uvarov, the locust expert, who will take a leading part in the Nairobi International conference, estimates that at least a three-year campaign at a minimum cost of £1 million a year will be needed.

Even then there will be no guarantee that large-scale swarms will not erupt to ravage African agricultural areas and breed afresh.

Dr. Uvarov stresses the vital importance of complete co-operation by the Governments of all the affected areas, from India westwards to Africa, if the menace is to be diminished.

Lots to ask

SYDNEY—Security police cordoned Sydney Airport as the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, took off with a seven-man team of advisers, to fly round the world in four weeks.

In London Mr. Menzies is to press Mr. Attlee for Britain's support in a Pacific Pact, similar to the Atlantic Pact defence system.

He will ask Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps for a bigger share of Empire Pool dollars, especially from the £235,000,000 worth of wool Australia sells to America each year.

And he will urge still bigger Australian development and immigration plans, and talk over the projected loss of Australia by the King and Queen in 1953.

In Washington he will discuss with President Truman and Mr. Acheson the Korean situation and urge a defence pact by the Pacific nations.

He also wants a dollar loan for defence and development. Said he: "I shall discuss a certain financial problem. It will be a quick, tough, and heavy journey. I'll do my best."

Undercover man

CANBERRA—Mr. Menzies' last act before leaving was to appoint Colonel G. F. Spry, Director of Military Intelligence, as Director-General of Security to counter subversion.

Soldiers of the sea
DURBAN—The Naval Officers' Association has protested against Defence Minister F. C. Erasmus's plan to turn South Africa's small destroyer and frigate navy into "a little floating army."

Proposed new ranks are: Commodore, "Sea Brigadier"; lieutenant-commander, "Sea Major"; petty officer, "Sea Sergeant"; and ordinary seaman, "Sea Private." Bell-bottoms will go.

A Gorman win

PRETORIA—South African railways are to buy 100 locomotives costing £1,800,000 from Germany's Krupp. The price is £242,000 lower than the cheapest tender from Britain.

—and a loss

JOHANNESBURG—Reputed to be the oldest white man in the world, Peter Chandler Pringle, 120, received a proposal of marriage from a 54-year-old woman in Germany.

Said he: "I have been married twice, and I might be willing to marry again." But "65 years' difference in age is too much."

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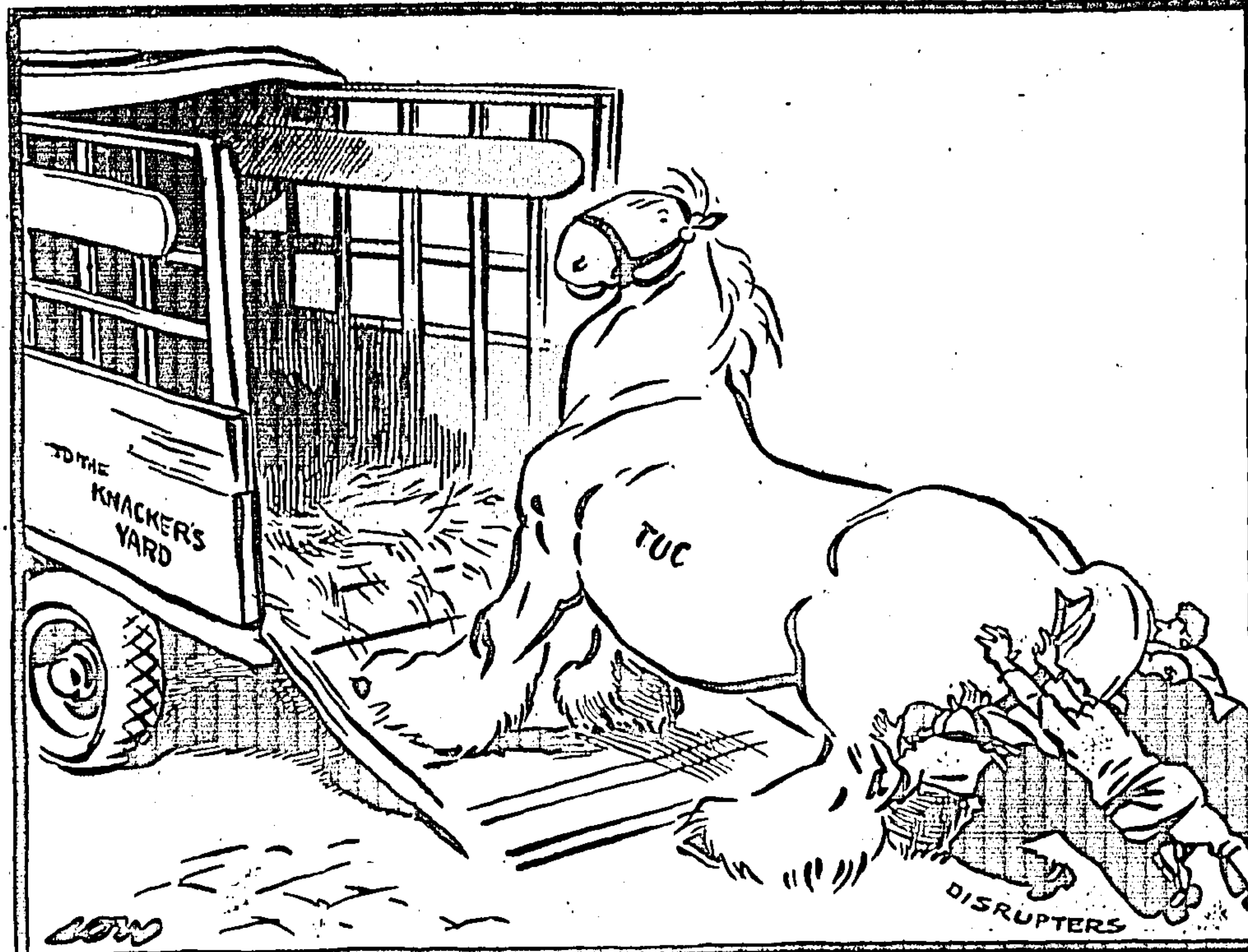
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BIGGEST QUIZ IN BRITISH HISTORY

By PETER LOVEGROVE

A GRAND snoop, "downright impertinent" and "Peeping Tom" are some of the colourful labels that have already been attached to a form, two feet by one foot, which will find its way into every household in Great Britain in less than nine months' time. No doubt a good many more similarly ungracious slogans will be coined before, while and after it is filled.

This form will be the basis of the 1951 Census, the fifteenth to be taken in the country, the first being in 1801 and the last in 1931. There would have been another in 1941 but for World War Two.

Apart from the usual inquiries about age, sex, nationality, birthplace, education, marital condition, residence, and place and nature of work, new questions on fertility and housing conditions will be included this time.

London who speak Yiddish only. The forms containing the questions will be delivered a week before the day of the Census—April 9, 1951—and responsibility for filling them will lie with the household. Local registrars of births and deaths will act as local census officers, and their areas will be divided into about 50,000 enumeration districts, with an enumerator for each district. These enumerators are responsible for collecting the forms and may advise people how to fill them up, but they have no powers of entry to check the return.

The Forces

ALTHOUGH Britons resident abroad are not included—the Prince of Wales and the late Duke of Kent were omitted from the 1931 returns because they were travelling across Europe at the time—all naval, military and air forces are enumerated, no matter what part of the world they might be taking place regarding the forms to be issued and procedure to be followed in the Services, but a decision is not likely until the autumn.

Special arrangements are also made for ships, prisons and institutions. After the forms have been handed in the district offices, they are bound in covers and sent to Somerset House, London, to be dealt with by a central clerical staff of some 600 under the Registrar-General. Up to 1901 the work of extracting, classifying and tabulating was all done by hand; nowadays computing machines are employed. Population figures will be announced a few weeks after the returns have been received, but statistical surveys on various aspects may take up to several years to appear.

Returns made in Scotland will be required to show those speaking Gaelic only, or Gaelic and English, and in Wales, those speaking Welsh, or Welsh and English. Special arrangements will also be made in the interests of the large body of Jews in the East End of

London who speak Yiddish only. The answer is that the modern tricks of a Government would be impossible without the guidance of a census. The statistical information obtained enables the authorities to plan housing, estimates for pensions, education and many other needs of the community. Another important long-term aim—the discovery of national "fertility trends"—was recommended by the Royal Commission on Population appointed by Mr Churchill's wartime coalition, which reported that there might be a substantial decline in the birth rate during the next fifteen years and suggested increases of family allowances, bigger income tax reliefs for parents and the building of more large houses.

Contents of the forms are not communicated to other Government departments, and all officials handling the returns are bound by oath to treat them as confidential. Infractions are punishable by fine, or by imprisonment up to two years. And any person not making a return is liable to a fine of £10.

6,000 Years Old

THERE is nothing new about such national stocktakings. In fact, Britain was very late in the field. In ancient Babylon, 6,000 years ago, it was used for revenue control; in Pharaonic Egypt it was a roll call for forced labour which helped to build the Pyramids; the early Chinese turned it into a general inventory, with details about industry, commerce and agriculture.

With the Greeks and Romans it was a system of registration of status and citizenship—Jesus Christ was born during the taking of a Roman census—and there are several instances of census taking in the Old Testament, the most notable being that carried out by King David through the unwilling agency of Joab. This was never completed; we are told that after working for nine months and twenty days Joab "finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel."

Since the middle of the 17th Century, censuses had been held regularly in some German states, in Sweden and in French colonies, but it was not till a

hundred years later that a similar return was suggested for Britain. The first Bill was passed by the House of Commons, though one M.P. declared that his constituents looked upon the proposal with ominous fear lest some great public misfortune or an "epidemic distemper" inflicted by the Almighty would follow. However, it was thrown out by the House of Lords and the Bill was not revived for another 40 years.

Door to Door

OUR first Census, in 1801, showed that the population was only ten millions. As a large proportion of the people were illiterate or only semi-literate, all details had to be taken orally by door-to-door visits, the clergy and the overseers of the poor taking a leading part. Only the number of persons and their sexes were then asked, but in 1821 particulars of ages were also taken. In 1841 forms were first distributed, and the question of marital condition was added ten years later.

In 1931, many of the enumerators were recruited among the unemployed; 2,000 defaulted half way through, and much of the work had to be done again.

How accurate will the final figures be? There has always been a certain amount of misunderstanding and carelessness in the filling of forms, and some margin of error is likely never to be eradicated under the present system.

50 Miles Out

AFTER all, even the Duke of Wellington in 1831 was 50 miles out in his answer to the question about his place of birth. In the same census, Thomas Carlyle put "man of letters" as his profession. This apparently did not conform to the rules at the time, as a census official annotated this: "No occupation." Charles Dickens, ten years earlier, had restricted himself to: "Gentleman."

But the census story I like best comes from a friend of mine who acted as enumerator in 1931. He called at one house, and said he had come about the census. "Sense?" sharply said the fragile old lady who answered the door. "Let me tell you, young man, I'm eighty-one, and I have all my senses."

Sitting On The Fence

By . . . Nathaniel Gubbins

"Although farmers are pleased to accept the benefits of subsidies and guaranteed markets under Socialism, most of them vote Conservative." — Political observer.

IN the manner of a bucolic scene in an old English musical comedy:—

When I were one and twenty years

My dad was still alive-o
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He said, "My son, now you can vote
You'll vote Conserva-tive-o

Though turnips rot, all gone to rot
And wuzels they won't live-o

We're all true blue since Waterloo
So vote Conserva-tive-o

Them plaguey Reds, I'll bash their ends
And vote Conserva-tive-o."

But now I'm one and forty years
The Socialists arrive-o

They give us this, they give us that
To keep us all alive-o

Though turnips rot, we sell the lot
And somehow we contrive-o

To live like lords at greening hours
And vote Conserva-tive-o

Dang they Reds, I'll bash their ends
And vote Conserva-tive-o

We work all day from dawn to dusk
A elder pot at five-o

With subsidies we're better off
Than any man with a fly on his corn

Though we can't fly at corn and rye
Why, somehow we contrive-o

At drawing pay for mouldy hay
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Mother's Day

"If the leaders of the countries of the world with young leaders there would be no war," writes a woman to an editor.

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Can't you call your boys back home if I call mine home? I'll try, dear. Is Elmer teething yet?

Not till he's six months, I hope, dear.

Just started at four months. Really, dear? Wasn't that a bit unnatural?

Unnatural, dear?

Well, dear, Western babies are different from Eastern babies, aren't they, dear?

What do you mean, different?

I think it's a relentless fact, established here in America,

that Asians develop quicker than most others. Like the lower animals, dear.

Are you calling my boy an animal?

Of course not, I'm sure he's the sweetest thing, dear.

Don't you dare call me "dear." O.K., if that's the way you want it.

And I hope my boys in Korea knock the hell out of yours. Why, you Russian shit, I hope mine knock the hell out of yours.

You needn't worry. They won't.

They certainly will. You and your capitalist cannibal.

You and your Bolshevik hallow.

I'll see you in Washington. I'll see you in Moscow. We're on our way.

Calling all tax payers

A BROADCAST appeal over the Pyongyang radio by Kim Il Sen, commander-in-chief of the North Korean army, and published in Soviet News, begins:—

"Dear compatriots! Beloved brothers and sisters! Glorious men and commanders: of the People's Army! Men and women guerrillas of the south! The American imperialists have begun an armed attack against our country, and ends with an appeal for redoubled effort and the usual cry, "Forward to victory."

When a dictator, military or otherwise, calls the masses to despise "dear compatriots" and "beloved brothers," with plenty of exclamation marks, you can bet a half share in a bombed rice field to a couple of brass won (Korean currency), that the masses are for it. When the troops of any army are called "glorious men," it's an even chance that they're going to get it if they haven't already had it.

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Limerick

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"For victory I don't care a hang-hang!"

So she hid in a hovel Not far from Seoul,

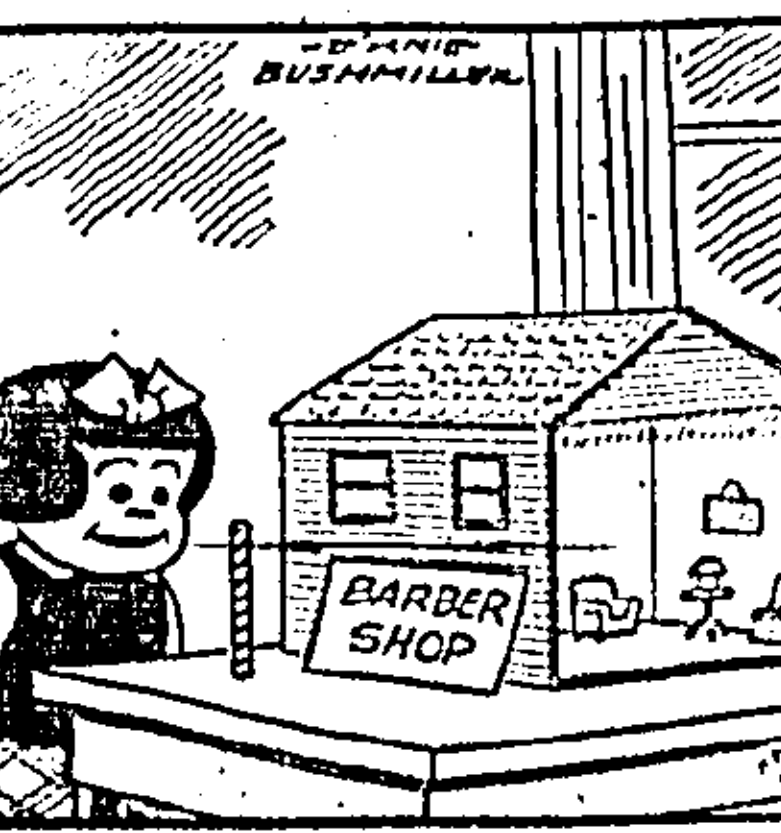
To wait for the end of the bang-bang.

—(London Express Service)

NANCY

Can You Beat It!

By Ernie Bushmiller



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UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA TO STAY General MacArthur's Report To Security Council

Lake Success, July 25.

General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of United Nations forces in Korea, today reported to the Security Council that his hold on the southern part of Korea represented a secure base and that United Nations forces were there to stay.

In his first operational report to the Security Council, General MacArthur stated that it is, of course, impossible to predict with any degree of accuracy future incidents of a military campaign.

Over a broad front involving continuous local struggles there are bound to be ups and downs, losses as well as successes.

He said that the base of battle is now fully joined and will proceed along lines of action in which "we will not be without choice."

"Our hold upon the southern part of Korea represents a secure base. Our position, despite overwhelming odds, have been relatively light," General MacArthur continued.

"Our strength will continue to increase while that of the enemy will relatively decrease. His supply line is insecure. He has had his great chance but failed to exploit it."

"We are now in Korea in force, and with God's help are there to stay until the constitutional authority of the Republic is fully restored."

NOT EXPECTED

After reviewing the events since June 25, when North Korean forces launched a completely unprovoked invasion of Korea, General MacArthur reported that according to the character and disposition of Southern Korean forces it was indicated that the sudden attack was not expected.

His estimate of Communist forces involved at the start was this:

(1) Six divisions of infantry and three border constabulary brigades.

(2) Approximately 100 Soviet-made T34 and T70 (39 and 59-ton tanks) and ample heavy artillery.

(3) One hundred to 150 Soviet-made combat planes while initially "held complete control of the air."

The total strength of the North Korean forces was estimated at between 90,000 and 100,000 organized in approximately seven divisions and five brigades "well trained and equipped and chiefly with excellent Soviet material."

FULL-SCALE INVASION
Opposed to this mobile army, Southern Korean troops were deployed with elements of four divisions, without tanks or heavy artillery and with only 10 trainers as an air force.

General MacArthur's report said, "In the light of the above facts, it is apparent that the attack upon South Korea was a carefully-planned, full-scale invasion force."

The report then detailed the various military operations in the various sectors of the front, along which South Korean forces were withdrawn with heavy losses in men and material.

The original American forces involved, General MacArthur reported, were a "holding force" only.

Facing odds at times as high as 20 to one, American troops, supported by United States and Australian aircraft, "eliminated themselves in the most difficult of military operations—a delaying action."

Under the protection of this delaying action, United Nations forces had been steadily strengthened, General MacArthur said.

"Under the combined impact of ground, air and naval forces, the progress of the invasion has been slowed, while the enemy has suffered severe losses on sea and land which are curtailing his supply and transport capabilities."

NAVAL MISSIONS
The General's report paid full tribute to the United Nations' naval forces which, he said, had helped both in evacuation and in tactical escort duties.

"The present naval situation finds both coasts of Korea covered by naval forces of the United Nations."

"Marine for fire and fire-support missions are being carried out by these forces," he said.

General MacArthur added, "From the continuing operations on the battlefield of large numbers of enemy personnel and equipment, it is now apparent that the North Korean aggressors have available to them resources far in excess of their internal capabilities."

"This, with the initial advantage of the aggressor, combined to give the enemy a strength which cannot be overcome until the United Nations forces achieve the effect of superiority in weapons and manpower."

NOT A SMALL TASK
General MacArthur warned that the task of the United Nations in Korea was "not a small one" seen in comparison with the potential resources of the aggressor force.

"Until forces of the United Nations are increased further, which success will be achieved cannot be predicted."

"In the combined efforts of the United Nations, the contribution of each member nation will be felt in the ultimate defeat of the aggressor from north of the 38th Parallel."

In another part of his report, General MacArthur discounted Communist reports that the war had been started by South Korean forces.

He reported to the Council that it had been "impossible" to witness the rapidly with which various member states had contributed naval forces (Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the Netherlands had dispatched vessels).

General MacArthur referred to the fact that the only forces immediately available to him were those of the United States and the British Commonwealth stationed in Japan.

These had to be re-grouped and re-equipped for combat in Korea. Even so, much material had had to be rushed to Korea from the United States.—Reuter.

U.S. Stockpile Of Strategic Materials

Washington, July 25.

The Munitions Board reported today that the nation's stockpile of critical and strategic materials now was valued at \$2,041,000,000—a shade more than half of the \$4,000,000,000 goal set before the Korean war.

The Board's semi-annual report to Congress called for a speed-up in purchases, lest "an adequate stockpile be dangerously deferred." A minimum stockpile cannot be counted upon until 1956 at the earliest at the present buying rate, the report said.

The Board emphasized that the report covered only the January-June period, and did not take into consideration the "rapidly moving trend" evident as it went to press.

The report in no way indicated what the national planners thought the nation ultimately would require in the way of strategic materials.

President Truman said last week that he intended to ask for stepped-up appropriations for stockpiling.—United Press.

LETTER TO EDITOR

A Practical Suggestion

Sir,—I have read with great interest the various reports as well as the Editorials on the subject of the Reform Club's memorandum on the Social and Economic Requirements of Hongkong.

Few will fail to agree that the Poynton interview was unsatisfactory and Sir Hilton's defeatist attitude made strange reading when compared with the later announcements of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

It is to be hoped the former will receive the financial assistance from a corporation whose funds emanate from the U.K. Treasury. Why Malaysia should receive aid, but Hongkong should not, I leave to others better qualified than myself to investigate.

Possibly the only good point which arose from the Poynton interview was the fact that Sir Poynton prepared the way for consultations between the unofficials and the Reform Club. It is to be hoped the former will seize the opportunity and the latter give them the maximum encouragement.

Encouragement, however, is not enough. Practical suggestions for improving conditions in Hongkong which can be submitted to Government.

In my opinion it is not only in the best interests of the public and the unofficials, but in the interests of the Government itself, that the big wedge which exists between Government, the unofficials and the public should be closed and an end put to the sense of frustration which in due course envelops all who seek to improve matters in this Colony.

Government in my opinion are altogether too secretive concerning the reasons behind their policy and in the absence of discussion in Legislative Council, except for the Budget debate, the public is left almost entirely in the dark.

It is this paucity of information which leads frequently to ill-deserved criticism of Government and the unofficials, but so long as the public is kept in ignorance it cannot be expected to give Government and the unofficials the benefit of the doubt every time.

The suggestion of Sir Hilton might well be adopted and action taken to bring about the interchange of ideas between the unofficials and the Reform Club, who whatever their faults, have the best interests of the Colony at heart.

Is it too much to hope that permanent machinery for liaison might result? I for one hope it will, in which case the Poynton visit will have achieved some good after all.

TORY DEMOCRAT.

Air Manoeuvres In Germany

Berlin, July 25.

Russian Yak warplanes and P.O.2 light training planes were active in the Western Air corridor across the Soviet Zone today, the Allied Air Safety Centre here announced.

Western Allied Air Force experts said that today's activities were just part of the regular Soviet Air Force training.—Reuter.

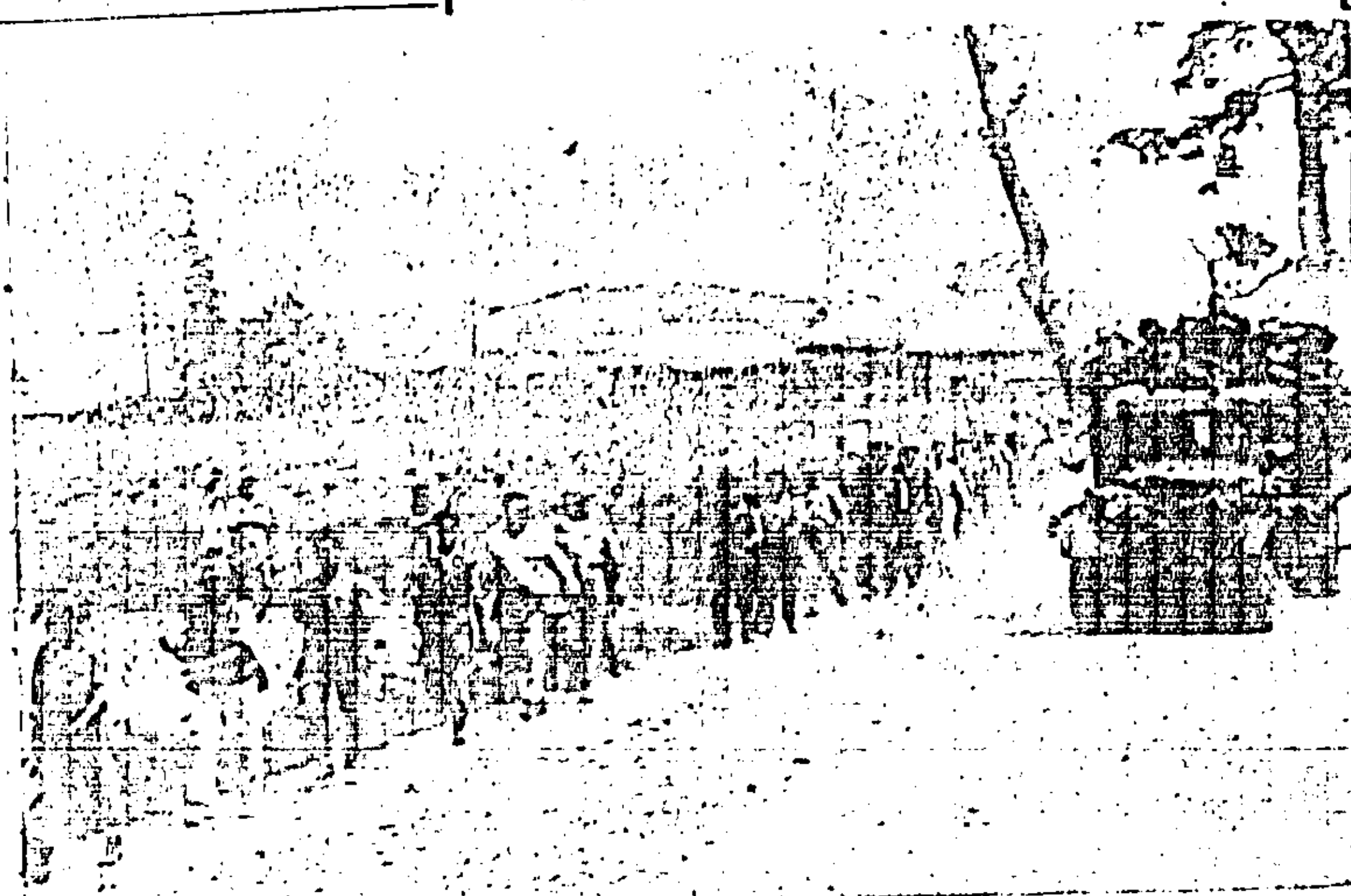
To Train In America

New York, July 25.

Twenty-eight French Army flyers, who are going to Canada to train under the North Atlantic Pact, arrived here last night.

They are the first group of trainees from Western European nations.—Reuter.

South Korean Troops March To Battle



Senator Ferguson Takes Up Cudgels For McCarthy

Washington, July 25.

Senator Homer Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, today made public for the first time a three-year-old Senate sub-committee charge that Mr Dean Acheson coddled Communists and security risks in 1947 when he was Under-Secretary of State.

Senator Ferguson also revealed what he said was a 1946 State Department memo stating that Alger Hiss, former Department aide convicted of perjury, wielded "syngali like" influence over a United States delegate to the United Nations.

Mr Acheson is Secretary of State now.

Senator Ferguson aired the heretofore secret speech attacking as "basely partisan" a Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee's finding that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's charges of State Department Communism were a fraud and a hoax.

Senator Brian McMahon, Democrat of Connecticut, a member of the Foreign Relations group, retorted that the Justice Department, not members of the Senate, was prosecuting and leading Communists and spies.

The Administration had an excellent record for dealing with such persons.

The Democratic majority on the sub-committee asserted that Senator McCarthy's charges had been investigated by four committees of the GOP-controlled Eighty-third Congress, none of which found them serious enough to warrant a report.

Senator Ferguson doubted this because it involved an Appropriations sub-committee of which he was a member. He said the group was so concerned over conditions in the State Department that it handed a special memo to the former Secretary of State, General George C. Marshall, in a secret meeting.

The memo, dated June 10, 1947, said there was "a deliberate, calculated programme, not only to protect Communist personnel in high places, but to reduce security intelligence and protection to a nullity."

STILL FLOURISHES
Asserting that the condition "developed and still flourishes under the Administration of Mr Dean Acheson, Senator Ferguson listed nine names as "only a few of the hundreds" of Department employees who were "an obvious hazard to national security."

Senator Ferguson did not disclose the names. Nor did he say fully whether the sub-committee considered Mr Acheson directly in blame for the alleged security weakness.—United Press.

BRIEFING ON KOREA

Washington, July 25.

About 55 members of Congress today attended a secret Defence Department briefing on the Korean war.

Later, Mr Millard Tydings, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told a reporter: "I came away very much impressed with the general improvement in the situation, but it is very far from good."

The Congressional leaders were given a briefing by the Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, and military leaders.—Reuter.

U of M Alumni Plan Picnic

The University of Michigan

Alumni Club of Hongkong has chartered a ferry from the Yau-mat Ferry Co. for a bathing picnic on Saturday, August 3. An interesting programme is being planned for the afternoon.

Michigan alumni who have not registered with the Club or have not received the Club's notice are urged to get in touch with the following Committee members: C. M. Hurkes, American International Assurance Co. Ltd., telephone 31850; Jack Y. H. Yuen, American International Underwriters, Ltd., telephone 26081; Edward Lam, Room 401, China Emporium Building, telephone 21547; Raymond Chen, Room 10, Fresh Bank Building, telephone 21400.

South Korean troops are seen making their way on foot and by lorry towards the battlefront recently in the Suwon area. Suwon fell into the hands of the Communist forces invading from North Korea on July 3. (London Express Service).

APPROACH TO SPAIN REJECTED

London, July 25.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, today turned down a suggestion in Parliament that he should approach President Truman to secure closer relationship between Spain and the Atlantic Pact countries.

He said that he did not think a closer relationship now would strengthen collaboration between the Atlantic Pact countries against Soviet Communism.

Mr Leonard Gammons, Conservative, had made the suggestion in the House of Commons "in the light of the deteriorating international situation."

Mr Attlee replied: "The British Government maintain a close and continuous contact with the United States Government on all matters affecting the Atlantic Pact and Western defence."

"In the view of the Government a close association with Spain by the Atlantic Pact countries at the present time would not strengthen the collaboration of these countries against Soviet Communism."—Reuter.

RESPONSE NOT DISAPPOINTING

Lake Success, July 25.

Mr Ernest Gross, the deputy United States delegate to the United Nations, said here today that the United States was not disappointed at the response from United Nations members to the request from the Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie, for ground forces for Korea.

Mr Gross, who was broadcasting through the United Nations Correspondents' Association and the American Broadcasting Company, said that so far Thailand had offered 4,000 troops and Bolivia 30 officers.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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Five-Thousand-Mile Distance Main Trouble In Korea

Washington, July 25.

Representative Dewey Short (Republican) told the House of Representatives today that American troops in Korea may be driven to the sea within the next few days.

Mr Short, leading Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee, made the statement after he and other Congressional military leaders returned from a secret session with top military men at the Pentagon.

However, not all other members of Congress who attended the secret Pentagon briefing were as gloomy as Mr Short.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Millard Tydings, said the situation had improved, but still was "far from good."

A House member, who asked to remain anonymous, said the defence chiefs did not appear as optimistic as they had been, but still hoped to hang on in Korea long enough to build up a counter-attack.

Mr Short told the House: "As much as I hope we can hold our foothold in Korea in the next few days, we may be driven into the sea."

BEATING EXPLAINED
Representative Joseph O'Hara (Republican) asked the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Carl Vinson, why American troops were taking a beating in Korea.

Mr Vinson replied: "Five thousand miles of distance is the main trouble."

In addition, the United States did not have available in Korea the equipment to fight a modern war. "Officials of our Government are doing everything humanly possible to get the necessary men and equipment there."

Mr Short said it was time for a "thorough house-cleaning" in both the State and Defence Departments. "I fear there will be no peace in our time."

The minute we squeeze this thing in Korea, it will pop up in Formosa, Persia or some place else."—United Press.

MIDSHIPMAN TAKES PART IN COMBAT

With the Seventh Fleet Carrier off Korea, July 25.

Midshipman Gordon E. Strickland, 21, of Palo Alto, California, became the first American Navy midshipman to participate in combat since the Spanish-American war days when he landed his Corsair fighter on the deck of this carrier today.

A former student of Stanford University, Strickland came out here a few weeks ago for an ordinary practice cruise and found himself amid a full-scale war. He was pitched aloft today to fly a combat air patrol over the fleet while it was in enemy waters, despite the fact he was only a midshipman and does not anticipate receiving his commission for about 30 days.

The first two times he tried to land Strickland was waved off by the landing officer, but on the third day he made it down as smoothly as silk.

The ship's officers gathered around to congratulate him and the executive officer ordered him to the officers' wardroom. There Strickland found a piping hot cake baked in his honour.

The executive officer explained that he had not only begun a new page in aviation history by flying as a midshipman, but had made the 21,000th landing on this carrier.—United Press.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

You Can Play Bridge If You Can Count

By OSWALD JACOBY

PEOPLE sometimes say to me, "It's easy for you to play bridge. After all, you're a mathematician."

Actually, there is nothing in this. They might just as well say that I can play bridge because I live in Texas. Mind you, I have nothing to say against mathematicians or against my home state of Texas. I simply wish to point out that the mathematics in bridge is usually just a simple matter of counting up to 13.

For example, here is a hand that called for a little mathematics. As you will see, it was easy to play correctly.

West opened the jack of diamonds, and that suit was eventually discarded. South pounced on the third diamond with the ten of hearts, noting with interest that West could

♠ 743	17	♠ 743	17
♥ A J 5		♥ A J 5	
♦ K 7 3		♦ K 7 3	
♣ A Q 2		♣ A Q 2	
(DEALER)		(DEALER)	
♠ A J 10 8	N	♠ A J 10 8	N
♥ 5 4	W	♥ 5 4	W
♦ J 7 4 3	S	♦ J 7 4 3	S
♣ K Q 6		♣ K Q 6	
♠ K Q 10 8 2		♠ K Q 10 8 2	
♥ 5 2		♥ 5 2	
♦ K 10 6		♦ K 10 6	
N-S vul.		N-S vul.	
North	East	South	West
1♠	1♥	1♠	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

not follow the suit. Because of this, it was clear that East had started with six diamonds.

South's next step was to draw three rounds of trumps, and in the dummy, East followed to all three rounds of trumps, while West discarded. At this point, therefore, declarer knew that East had begun the hand with nine red cards, and only four black ones.

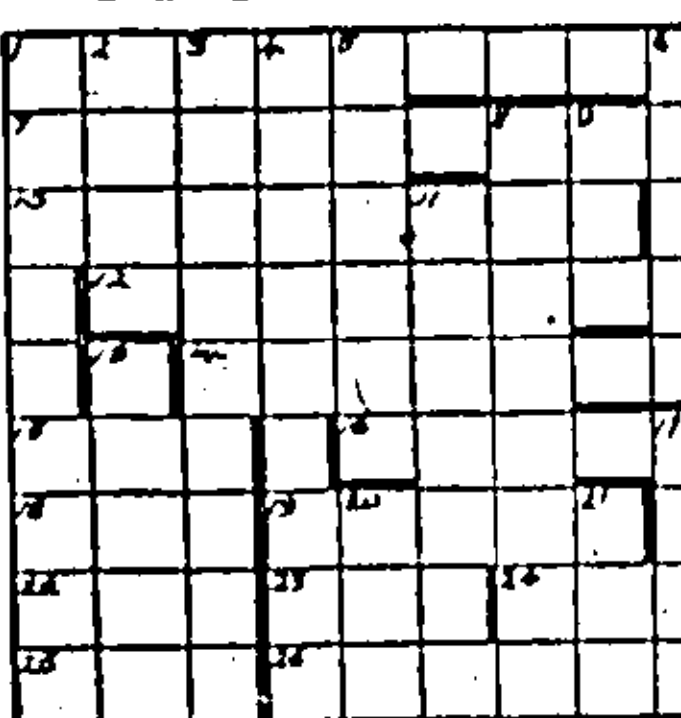
The next step was to lead a spade from dummy, since the contract could be easy if East happened to hold the ace of spades. When South played the king of spades, West seen with the ace and returned the jack of spades.

Since East followed suit on two rounds of spades, South knew that two of East's four black cards were spades. It was clear that he could not have more than two clubs in his hand. This meant that West had four clubs.

This information made the rest quite simple. South led the ten of clubs to dummy's ace and returned the deuce of clubs to his king. East played his two small clubs on these tricks. Through West for the jack of clubs. The finesse of the nine of clubs naturally held, and South was able to discard the losing spade on dummy's queen of clubs.

The play of this hand shows a little counting, but needed no mathematics beyond simple arithmetic. You have to be willing to think to play the bridge, but your name doesn't have to be Albert Einstein!

CROSSWORD



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Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Answers: Across: 1. June, June transformed for a well-known unit of time (7) 2. Latin coin from the age of stone (9) 3. When did the M. H. record? (10) 4. No more in a clumsy way (11) 5. One turn (anagram) (12) 6. The under the sun (13) 7. This can be without motion yet some are silent (14) 8. The ash that Robin needs (15) 9. Silver that may remind you of a famous last case (16) 10. Unlabeled (17) 11. This ray from a source is described as the sun (18) 12. In the States it is usually followed by White (13) 13. Division into (19) 14. Decrease (10) Down: 1. suffered (10) 2. Bird but not a comic one (14) 3. It is meretricious that makes Judy speak the tone (15) 4. Fame Ellen this way (19) 5. Turns I'm turning into a hole (20) 6. Derision (21) 7. She pushes the cell for names (22) 8. Say before this last for (23) 9. Impoverish (24) 10. Bread eaten in Argentina (25) 11. The right to change a line (26) 12. As a clue you've often had right (27) 13. As well this is subject to (31) 14. Early alarm (28)

DUMB BELLS



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

If you are born today, you are then perfect and recent outside. The conspicuous individualist who does not wait for a change for the better, but sets out to achieve it. A brilliant conversationalist, you have a scholastic bent. It can be a burden on occasion, but it contains in itself the seeds of a great success. You also grow older and your design and personality are apt to be your own. You are apt to be your own.

You care little about conventional patterns of living and will go your own way regardless of what others think and believe. Often others come around to your way of thinking. You are seldom satisfied with things as they are and want to change them. But once changed, by your own, you are apt to be your own.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)—The full moon brings increased activity and progress in your aims and ambitions. Job opportunities improve.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be ready to augment your plans. This will be an active and progressive day if you are alert.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—There's a fortunate outlook for your activities today but don't overstep the bounds of reason. Avoid overcautiousness.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—There are good prospects for your activities are based on judgment which comes from past experience. Be alert.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—The full moon brings fortunate aspects for all your activities. Combine business and social activities.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An active day for your efforts. Fortune smiles if you are practical in your planning.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Make definite improvements on the road to success. Make gains slowly, perhaps, but surely.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—There could be an important opportunity open for you. Be ready to take full advantage of it.

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Business and employment are heightened today. Make definite gains in these fields.

MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

Reforming infamous San Quentin

ON any list of great humanitarians the name of Clinton T. Duffy must rank high. Born the son of a San Quentin prison guard, Duffy was brought up in the grim background of prison life.

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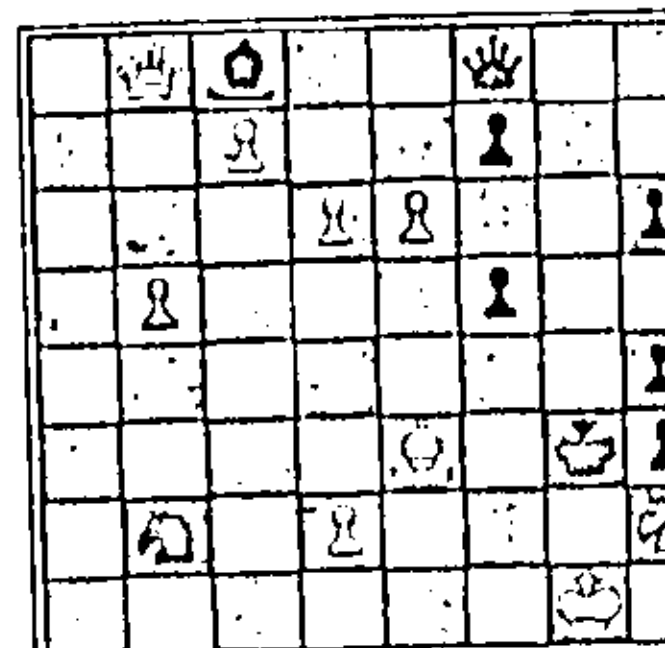
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By E. NEBENDORF and C. WEXDING

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White to play and mate in three. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-R4, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K mates.

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(Answers on Page 8)

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Square Leg

By T. O. HARE

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie Had a Friend

—He Spent His Time Pecking on Wood—

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE Sparrow flew to the window-sill with a strange bird. It was a much larger bird than Chirpie and didn't look like him at all. It just stood on the edge of the window-sill and watched while Chirpie pecked at the bread crumbs. It had a strong bill.

Finally Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came to the window. They looked at the strange bird. Then Knarf said: "Who's your friend, Chirpie?"

"His name is Peck-Pek," said Chirpie. "He's a wood-pecker."

Seemed Interesting

This seemed very interesting and Hanid needed to the woodpecker and asked him why he didn't eat any of the bread crumbs. Peck-Pek didn't answer.

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Rupert and the Back-room Boy—3



Billy Goat looks to see if Rupert has any ideas. "Well, if you can't catch butterflies, why not try catching fish?" suggests the little boy. "The river isn't very far away. However, Billy still looks glum. The trout would never let me get near them," he objects. "And we couldn't catch any either."

"Not bad," he said. "It doesn't taste anything like a bug, but it isn't bad." Saying this, Peck-Pek quickly pecked down the rest of the crumbs. "No, not bad at all. In fact, quite good."

The only one who was sorry to hear that Peck-Pek liked bread crumbs was Chirpie. "Maybe," said Chirpie, "you'd better just keep pecking wood, Peck-Pek. There aren't enough bread crumbs for both of us, and since you like bugs better, you'd better just eat bugs."

Peck-Pek laughed. He said he would teach Chirpie how to peck at the bark on a tree. But Chirpie wasn't too sure that he hadn't got a wood-pecker's bill. But they both flew off. Chirpie didn't mind trying to be a wood-pecker. He didn't mind being anything, if he could still stay a sparrow.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

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